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**Subject:** FYI ONLY -- Comments from Bristol Bay Website

Just FYI only.

Sharing a couple of recent comments we received via our BB website comment form. We have also received several emails expressing approval of the withdrawal suspension.

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My name is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP). I am a mining engineer who grew up in Fairbanks, Alaska and was sponsored by Pebble/Anglo American back in 2012 to complete my mining engineering degree. My dream back then was to one day become the mine manager of Pebble. I started out as an environmentalist and still consider myself to be one. I did a degree in Sustainable Development (part of a Human Geography department) and worked during summer months doing mineral exploration around the state. My passion in mine engineering is mine wastes and geotechnical stability. As Pebble was being torn apart during 2013, my MSc dissertation instead analyzed another large copper porphyry mine, Los Bronces, in Chile. I worked closely with one of the best mine waste engineers in the world, who had very sharp opinions about the Pebble project.

I gave some written testimony back then that the best approach would be to require dry-stacked tailings. It would effectively halt development because of the enormous costs, but such a commitment in the future, if economics allowed, would permit the mine to achieve a robust factor of safety. I think both proponents and opponents of the mine (including the EPA) have wasted incredible amounts of resources to 'sell' their version of the science and engineering. There's never been a useful dialogue or collaborative fact finding approach, despite the rigorous permitting process. I disagreed with the 404c decision, but I also disagree with the stability assessment approach used by Pebble earlier on, and I know that would have been rejected had permits been sought. I see there hasn't been comment period in a long while.

Being in Fairbanks, I never got to attend any meetings, and I now live in the UK because of poor career prospects in Alaska. Another case of brain drain perhaps, as the Pebble fallout caused depression in the exploration sector. I don't agree with Northern Dynasty about how flawed the risk assessment was, but I do think it was flawed and gave a misleading picture of the risks.

Anyway, I just want to encourage the EPA this time around to try some innovative new approaches, be as open and transparent as possible, and do something that might add long-term value to the project, people, and local environment.

Kind regards to anyone reading this short rant this evening, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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I'm writing to protest Scott Pruitt's recent action in rescinding the withdrawal of the EPA's restrictions on the Pebble Partnership under the Clean Water Act. I find it reprehensible that you would renege on a deal the EPA made with Northern Dynasty Minerals and the Pebble Partnership. They dropped their lawsuit against you, which had every likelihood of being settled in their favor, and then you don't hold up your end of the agreement.

I expected this sort of lying from the Obama administration, as indeed, Obama's EPA acted illegally in pre-emptively trying to kill the project before even seeing the mining application. I have much higher expectations of a Trump appointee, when his election and his first-year success has been based on keeping his promises and reducing a great deal of unneeded regulation.

The management of Northern Dynasty & the Pebble Partnership have been nothing but professional in their work to advance this much needed project. They and their partner investors have spent hundreds of millions of dollars developing

a resource that will have tremendous economic benefit to the Bristol Bay area, the state of Alaska, and indeed the whole country. Much of that money has been spent on real scientific research about the impact the mine is likely to have on the ecosystem there, and on careful, modern mine design that will minimize that impact. Opposition to the project, on the other hand, has been based on misrepresentation of facts, conclusions drawn contrary to evidence, and scare tactics designed to influence people negatively toward the project without actually evaluating it. This sort of overzealous environmental protectionism is the very kind of excessive regulation that we elected Trump to put to a stop. I think you need to rethink your attitude toward your position and mission at the EPA. Your goal should not be to prevent all economic progress that may in some way affect the environment. Rather, you should seek to approve beneficial projects while protecting the ecosystems that contain them. In other words, try to find safe ways to make projects successful, instead of looking for ways to make projects fail.